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MRS. ROOSEVELT AND HIGHLANDER

The Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee, has earned its bad reputation over a long period of years as a result of its left wing programs, the Communist-front taint of its leadership and the disgraceful conduct of school leaders when called upon by congressional committees to answer justified questions about its operations.

More recently, attention has been centered on Highlander Folk School because of its emphasis on forcing racial integration and the accompanying deterioration of harmony and disruption of goodwill upon the South. It is a gathering place for leaders in agitation of racial issues. When criticism arises, the school has always been able to count upon statements of defense from a clique of left-wing "do gooders" whose prominent positions in various fields have been tarnished by their misuse of them in this and similar respects.

It is not at all surprising, but is noteworthy, that one of Highlander's integration workshops this year will be addressed by none other than Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt's name long has been linked with the school, she having been one of its early contributors and sponsors.

Mrs. Roosevelt's participation in the Highlander Folk School program will not raise either its reputation or hers. But considering both the school's record and Mrs. Roosevelt's record, their new association will probably damage neither, sine both already have sunk so low.

To: L.V. Boardman

Date: May 2, 1959

From: A.H. Belmont

Subject: U.S. Klans, Knights  
Of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated

Internal Security - Klan

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is scheduled to make a speech at Monteagle, Tennessee, 6/16/58. A confidential informant of the Knoxville Office, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at a meeting of U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, the scheduled talk by Mrs. Roosevelt was discussed. It was mentioned that Klansmen plan to go to Monteagle and stop the talk "even if they had to blow the place up."

Same informant advised it was also mentioned that \_\_\_\_\_ had been contacted regarding this matter and \_\_\_\_\_ advised the Klan he will not interfere with them if they come in and break up the meeting.

OBSERVATIONS:

Knoxville advised in view of the above information concerning \_\_\_\_\_ Memphis should inform state authorities in Nashville concerning contemplated Klan action to \_\_\_\_\_ and intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces and instructing Memphis to advise appropriate state authorities at Nashville. Both offices being instructed to alert informants to this matter and keep Bureau advised.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) There is attached for your approval a letter to Knoxville and Memphis instructing Knoxville to disseminate this information concerning contemplated Klan action to and intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces and instructing Memphis to advise appropriate state authorities at Nashville. Both offices being instructed to alert informants to this matter and keep Bureau advised.